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## **Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development**

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Item 1 of the provisional agenda\*

### **Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters**

## **Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the World Summit on Sustainable Development**

### **Note by the Secretary-General**

1. In its decision 2001/PC/3, the Commission on Sustainable Development acting as the preparatory committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development made provisions for accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups.<sup>1</sup> In the same decision, the Commission acting as the preparatory committee requested non-governmental organizations and other major groups to send their applications, together with required supplementary materials, not later than four weeks before the start of each preparatory committee meeting. It also requested the Summit secretariat, with the support of the United Nations Non-governmental Liaison Services, to review the relevance of the work of the applicants on the basis of their background and involvement in sustainable development issues, particularly in the follow-up process to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. The Commission acting as the preparatory committee indicated that if the evaluation showed, on the basis of the information provided, that the applicant organization was competent and its activities were directly relevant to the goals of the Summit, the secretariat would recommend it for accreditation.

2. The Summit secretariat has received and evaluated completed applications received by 25 February 2002, the deadline by which applications had to be submitted in order to be reviewed at the third session of the Commission acting as the preparatory committee. A list of non-governmental organizations and other major groups recommended by the secretariat for accreditation in this round is contained in annex I; organizations that are not recommended are listed in annex II.

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\* A/CONF.199/PC/1.

<sup>1</sup> See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 19* (A/56/19), chap. VIII, sect B.

